

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) There is no Phase III of Golden Quadrilateral or Corridor. Around 125 km. length of Patna-Gaya-Dobhi section of NH-83 is proposed to be included under Phase III of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). It is premature to indicate the time frame for its implementation.

### **Closing of Zuari bridge**

987. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zuari Bridge on the river Zuari in Goa has been closed for heavy traffic;

(b) the authority which took the decision to close heavy traffic;

(c) whether any survey/assessment has made before passing the order to close heavy traffic;

(d) whether the order is proposed to be reviewed;

(e) whether a new bridge is proposed to be constructed on the Zuari river; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Zuari bridge was closed for all the traffic other than light vehicles (two wheelers, four wheelers, mini buses, pick-up with four wheelers) by the Highway Administration, Goa under National Highway (Traffic and Land) Control Act, 2002 from 16.06.2006 based on the assessment made by an expert from IIT, Mumbai.

(d) The bridge has now been opened to traffic up to 12 Metric tonnes as per recommendations of Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi.

(e) and (f) Construction of a new bridge on river Zuari is included in the widening of NH-17 to four lanes under National Highways Development Project Phase III.